

tattersalls

newsletter **October**



MELBOURNE CUP

LUNCHEON

There's no need to go to Melbourne for the Cup this year, because on Tuesday November the 6th, we will be recreating the excitement of Flemington- right inside **tattersalls**.

We've planned a great day which will feature:

- A sumptuous selection of fine food. You'll be able to dine from the wide range of culinary delights; foods stalls will be arranged throughout the Club Room offering a tempting variety of racing carnival delicacies.
- Big screen coverage of the races in the Club Room.
- Convenient betting facilities for all the races.
- Champagne Bar - French Champagne can be purchased if you're feeling exuberant.
- 'Racing Club Members Bar'
- Sweeps, sweeps and more sweeps.
- Fashions in the Field featuring excellent prizes.
- Lucky door prizes.
- A major raffle with proceeds to our selected charity, the Primary Club of Australia.
- Phantom race call by The Phantom.
- Party on after the races in the Members Bar/Brasserie.
- All for \$120 per person which includes food, beer wine and Australian champagne.
- Bookings are essential, so book now with Administration Office on 92646111

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The sporting ability of Members has been highlighted over the past few months.

The Maui Channel Swim, the Skiing Week and the Cycle trip to South Australia have all been well recorded. This preoccupation with sport has also flowed over to some memorable sportsmen's luncheons. Both the Alan Jones and the Rod Macqueen Rugby Luncheons were booked out, and The Villains of Rugby League proved a very enjoyable day.

Also the participation of Members through the Athletic Department has increased this year. Morning classes are well attended and swimming is very popular.

In an effort to maximise Member satisfaction, a questionnaire will be sent to Members requesting their interest in a variety of sports and other pursuits. Coordinators have been appointed who will be the link providing information on sports/other activities.

I urge all Members to complete the questionnaire and return them as soon as possible to the club administration.

It is your Club and Member satisfaction is paramount.

T. J. Bowring, Secretary

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Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm | Monday to Friday

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Noon - 10 pm | Thursday and Friday

Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm | Monday to Friday

6 am - 6 pm | Saturday

Noon - 5 pm | Sunday

letter to the editor

Villains of Rugby League 14th Sept

"It was Friday. It was lunchtime.

The venue was the function room at your club.

If you were not there, you missed an afternoon of laughter and frivolity rarely seen before in the hallowed halls of tatt's.

Being a Rugby man I went along just to enjoy the fellowship of a few other members and not thinking that the "Mungos" could provide any entertainment. How wrong was I ?

What transpired that afternoon will be spoken about amongst a select and faithful bunch of Tatt's supporters for a long time to come.

Listening to Ben 'The Door' Elias, Steve 'Blocker' Roach, Mark Geyer, Mark 'Spud' Carroll and Geoff Toovey rant and rave about the game that they all played at the highest levels and love to death was the best entertainment that I've had in ages.

As Daryl Summers says....You'll never never know if you never never go!!!!

So, to all those that missed the fun, get off your arse and book for the next club function".

Editor's note: as this letter is from a well known Ra Ra supporter we are suppressing his name to protect his reputation, but we take his point - it was a great lunch.

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calendar of events

2007

october

- 2nd Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 5th Young vs Old Duel to the Last Joke
- 19th Black Tie Boxing
- 22nd Tatts Swimming race
- 23rd Swim Club Month 10 commences
- 25th Lightning Snooker
- 26th Past & Present Lunch

november

- 6th Melbourne Cup Lunch
- 6th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 15th Swim Club Season concludes
Thursday
- 15th Calcutta Handicap Final
- 22nd Swim Club Championships

december

- 4th Swim Club Christmas Scramble
- 6th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 7th Swim Club Christmas Lunch
- 7th Chocolate Wheel
- 14th Chocolate Wheel

january

- 7th tattersalls reopens for business

february

- 14th Valentine's Dinner
- 22nd Degustation Dinner
- 28th Snooker Night

NEW MEMBERS

NAME	OCCUPATION
ALLEN Peter Clarke	Sales Executive
BENSON Craig John	Investment Banker
BOMAN Rohan	Derivatives Trader
BROWNIE Matthew Thomas	Derivatives Trader
CLAYTON Matthew Alexander	Finance Consultant
FERGUSON James Richard Geoffrey	Financial Analyst
GALE Jasper Michael	Bond Trader
GARLAND Sam	Accountant
GERARDIS Anthony Rocco	Company Director
GIGLIA Stuart	Associate Director
GROSSBERG Avron Paul	Director of Companies
HEFFERNAN Michael John	Taxation - Group Manager
KEMP David	Accountant
LEWIS Nigel	Company Director
POWTER Anthony David	Solicitor
RAMSEY-STEWART Ian	Solicitor
SAVALA Cliff Ralph	Solicitor
SCHILLER Kristofer Alexander	Stock Broker
SMITH James Christopher	Leasing Manager
STUBBS Matthew Robert	Corporate Finance
TURNBULL Alexander Bligh	Student
WHEELER Daniel Raymond	Stock Broker

It is with deep regret that we have to record the following death:

William Clinton - Member for 39 Years

The following persons have been proposed for Membership:

NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
COLLETT Mathew	Guillaume Brahimi	John H Alexander
DOBBIN Timothy	Tim Noonan	Alex Pope
DUCK James	Andrew Coorey	Rick Glover
HAY Scott Andrew	Glenn Atkins	Geoff Connellan
HOWARD Richard	Julian R Morton	Nicholas Carrigan
HUNTER Paul Ian	Alex Pope	Tim Noonan
MACLEOD Callum	David Huxtable	Rick Glover
MACRAE Damien	Bob Sanders	Ian MacDonald
MONAGHAN James	Philip J Salter	Andrew P Salter
McCARDELL Tom	Rick Glover	Bob Sanders
PANG Tatman	Anthony King	Rick Glover
PANKHURST Michael	Rodney Hyman	Committee
RICHARDS Benjamin	Angus Mackay	Mark Holden
ROSS Stephen	Simon C Hudson	Robert J Farrington
SPORK Michael	Julian R Morton	Nicholas Carrigan
TAYLOR James	Brett Greentree	Thomas G Cahill
WATERS John	Stuart F Raward	Bruce T Fallshaw

See you in Maui next year?

When you read the report on the Maui Swim on page 5, (the parts that were fit to print, anyway) you may be filled with an overwhelming desire to take part next year. Anyone who feels that they would like to participate in the Maui Channel Swim and Waikiki Rough Water should be comforted by the fact that there are already plans for **tattersalls** to attend again next year. However, we would really urge you to make a commitment as soon as possible which will make it that much easier for teams to be organised and prepared for what are two very challenging - but hugely enjoyable - events.

Contact Andrew Torok on 9283 4811. Please also make note that in our last Newsletter, Andrew's email address was incorrect. It should be: andrewatorok@aol.com

the chairman

This time last year, we hosted the U.S. Olympic Committee in our Club for the Sydney 2000 Olympics. They were delightful and most welcome guests.

How different it is one year later as we all try to come to terms with the terrible and unbelievable events in New York City. We are fortunate in so many ways to be living in a largely peaceful and tolerant society in Australia but we are no longer remote from the potential for terror. We should count our blessings that Sydney may well have been spared a year ago when the attention of the world was on us for those few weeks.

I have written to the New York Athletic Club and to our other reciprocal clubs in the U.S. to say how much we felt for our American friends affected by the events of September 11. It seemed to be the least we could do.

Is there a retired historian or journalist out there with time on his hands and a real interest in the history of **tattersalls**? Well, I would love to hear from someone who can help us to update our Club story which was last done by Joseph Andersen in 1983. Our monthly magazine is also at the point where a regular column covering the news and views of our members in a light-hearted way would be a fine addition.

After a careful review of the options, the Committee has amended the Club By-Laws to keep them up-to-date with current trends. Smoking is now restricted to the podium level in the Members' Bar and to the Billiards and Snooker Room. If, as seems likely, we cannot entirely isolate these locations from the smoke-free areas in the Club, then it is probable that the restrictions will be extended.

Female access throughout the Club is now permitted to all areas except for the Athletic Department. The possibility of family use of the Athletic Department on weekends is under consideration, although subject to logistical difficulties.

The mobile telephone rules have changed too, to

recognise technical improvements which mean that mobiles are less intrusive. Please be clear about the new arrangements which are intended to allow mobiles to be used while preserving the rights of all members not to be annoyed in their enjoyment of the Club. Staff have been instructed to ensure that the new rules are strictly enforced.

While on the subject of rules, it is a necessary and sensible rule of the Club that members are fully responsible for the conduct of their guests while in the Club. There have been a few instances recently where guests have been left to themselves or have not conducted themselves in an acceptable manner, resulting in some embarrassment to the responsible member when called to account.

Congratulations to our Maui Teams which represented us in Hawaii in September. We have a long tradition of teams representing the Club in many sports. Apart from surf and still-water swimming, we have representative teams in running, triathlon, cycling, snooker and basketball. The best thing is that age is no barrier and in many cases older members have taken up new representative sports for the first time.

Of course, if that's not your style, we are getting serious about food and wine with some new (and reasonably priced) wine tasting events in the planning stage. And most of the sports nuts will be there too. Its about getting the right balance into our lives!

Black Tie Boxing

Oct 19

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sports

tattersalls Athletic Department home of the 21st Century Man!

tattersalls member and Athletic Department good guy Damien Cooke, became every man's envy when he took out the 2Day FM Morning Crew 21st Century Man Contest.

Damien was one of a thousand contestants who entered and survived down to the final five.

Each day one of the five hopefuls was hooked up to a lie detector live on air with the 2Day FM Morning Crew and were asked a series of revealing questions by interested females.

The common question seemed to be "Have you ever cheated on a past girlfriend?"

Damien passed his interview with flying colours and was very popular with the young ladies for his honest and down to earth answers.

The numbers were cut down to the final two contestants with Damien 22 up against a 27-year personal trainer from New Zealand.

Many think the Kiwi's hopes were dashed when in

Don't be damned by the details

There are nice chaps walking around this town wearing expensive clothing by brilliant International Designers and still looking pretty ordinary.

The truth is that a pedigreed suit, PARTICULARLY a pedigreed suit, needs to be perfectly fitted to deliver its message. That takes, not just a salesman but a craftsman with a trained eye and a conscience.

It's usually only a matter of half an inch of sleeve or minor adjustments to a trouser cuff or waistband, but getting such items right makes a three thousand dollar suit look like what it is.

Sometimes even a thought about the sort of shirt collar that suits your neck does wonders for a suit.

Now where on earth could you find advice like that?

Next door.



Vince Maloney
177 Elizabeth Street, next to **tattersalls**. Ph 9264 8837

his closing speech live on air on the Friday before the Wallabies won the Tri Nations and retained the Bledisloe, he yelled: "Go the All Blacks!"

The predominantly 18 - 35 year old female listener demographic had spoken and Damien won in a canter. Damien's transformation to masculine completeness started with his own suite in the Wentworth Hotel, Philip St (2Day FM picked up the room service tab).

Daily sessions with a personal trainer, French lessons, tango lessons, Tantric sex lessons and live interviews with the Morning Crew kept him busy during the day. Damien's night time itinerary included a strip on Wild Boys Afloat, a stand up comedy routine at the Comedy Store and shopping for a new wardrobe to the value of \$2000.

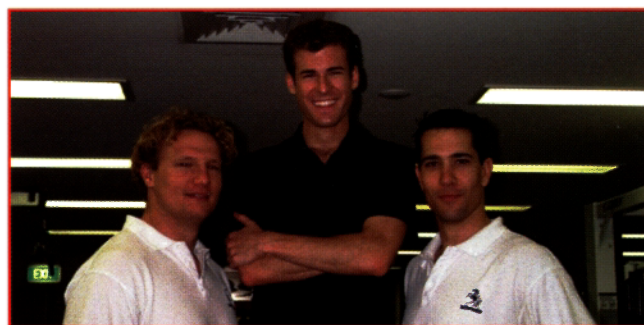
He even interviewed Haley Joel Osment from the blockbuster movie 'The Sixth Sense' - remember the kid who said he could see dead people?

While all of this was going on, one hundred and fifty young ladies were winning keys on the Morning Crew program with only one that would unlock the chastity belt Damien would be wearing on stage at the Wentworth Hotel.

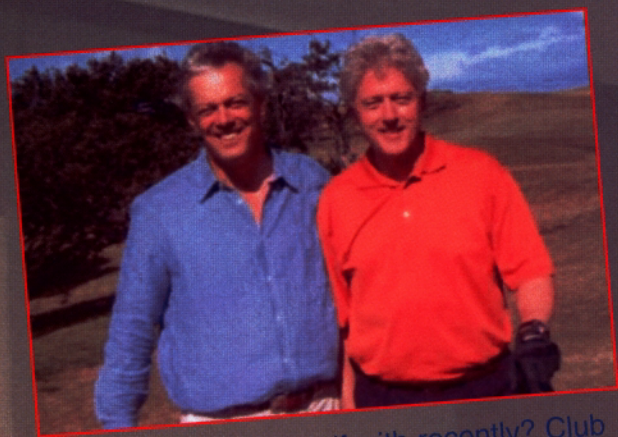
Damien and the young lady who won him were taken on an all expenses paid trip to Las Vegas and stayed at the Aladdin Casino. The highlight of the trip was being front row at a Madonna concert and spending a few days in Mexico.

Damien and his female companion even took part in a commitment ceremony in Las Vegas, the marriage registry capital of the world but Damien assures us "What happens on tour, stays on tour".

If this demonstration doesn't convince you of the hidden benefits of athletic department training, then nothing will!



Who said Tattersall's was an old-fashioned club?
Cool young women in their thousands voted
member Damien Cooke as the ideal companion
for the new century.



Who did you play golf with recently? Club member Tony Sernack spent some quality time at the NSW Golf Club with Bill Clinton. Tony's father and member Max says Tony sorted out Bill's game for him. But that may just be a proud parent talking.



tattersalls Race day at Royal Randwick on Saturday 1st September was a great success, with feature races the **tattersalls** Plate and the Chelmsford Stakes. These four happy guests were part of an outstanding turn-out of Tattersall's members and their ladies..



Guests at this years Race Day enjoyed a large air conditioned marquee on The Oaks Lawn adjacent to the finishing post. A very civilised way to go racing.



Villains of League



Our Cyclists on the way to Adelaide



Our Cyclists sampling some wine at Rockford's Vineyard



TATTERSALL'S SKI WEEK 2001

Some say leave it, some say do it. Tattersall's did it. This year proved that the Tattersall's skiers are a hardy bunch of blokes.

The snow was to use a good phrase "thin", but the whole resort of Perisher Blue was skiable.

This year was a full house. We had 23 skiers and we had to turn people away.

Word spread fast about our chef, Glen Mair who gave up a week from his normal job as head chef at the New South Wales Golf Club and turned into the "Mad Skiing Chef".

All of the usuals were there; our Chairman and long time skier Russell Debney with his son Mike who won our first **tattersalls** Downhill Race in record time. It was record time because we had no times before this, so next year we're sure he will get a big handicap. John Murray ever present on the snow and serving up the wine at dinner, Bas Phillips resurrected his skis and old skin suit to show the young boys how they used to do it - with a joke and a bit of ski wax.

George Gell, the most crowned veteran of the snow, brought along his cognac and cigar club from Sydney, the snow brought out their best quality vices.

Mark Roufeil stunned us with another fashion statement, this year he went into overdrive to show us what a real beanie looks like.

Hugh Williamson proved that you can learn to ski in your late thirties and improve with every ski run especially if you go via the Guthega pub for lunch...what a place to sit in the sun and watch the world go by.

Well, we could go on for ever and tell you about how good the ski week was, but if I did that you would want to come next year! Speaking of next year, we are already taking bookings as word is spreading quickly on how good the Tattersall's Ski Week is.

Simon Forsyth ski week convener



The boys singing in the snow - and this was before the apres skiing!



Kings of the Mountain. Tattersall's Slalom race winner: Mike Debney and Skier of the Year, Simon Forsyth.



Our Tattersall's Slalom Race medallists: Anthony Berkman, silver; Mike Debney, gold and Glen Mair, bronze

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snooker



Veny Hrouda



Eddie Charlton



Bob Jelfs & Mike Bradstreet

Tattersalls Melbourne Cup

Tuesday November 6, from 12 noon

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- Formal Dining or a variety of gourmet food stalls
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- Phantom race call and prizes galore

This is the day Tattersalls is transformed into Flemington.

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Black Tie Boxing

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sports

swimming

Month 7 saw a tied result in the 50 metres and the closest of winning margins to Peter Thiel in the 100,. Peter and wife Christy really appreciate Brahimi's cooking -Peter's 3rd award this season.

We welcomed new swimmer Charlie Wills to the Swim Club this month, Charlie opening his account with a handsome win.

Results of Month 7 swimming were:

Manchester Unity Health Award 50m

1. John Greaves	38
Alex Pope	38
3. Peter Thiel	29

YTD End Month 6

1. Peter Thiel	177
2. Mark Roufeil	152
3. John Greaves	151

Brahimi Bistro Award 100m

1. Peter Thiel	25
2. Alex Pope	23
3. Andrew Torok	22

YTD End Month 6

1. Peter Thiel	142
2. Ian Lemmey	138
3. John McCosker	119

Swimmer of the Month - Month 7 Optus Award

Committee's Choice- Stephen O'Halloran

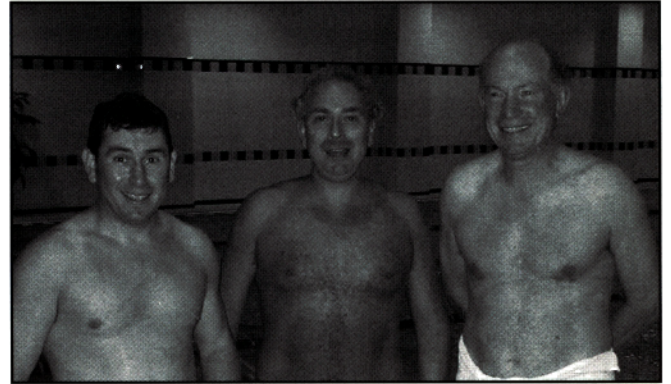
Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy:

Joint leaders on 51 points are.

Peter Thiel
Pat Bryant
John Barker

Manchester Unity - It's in the Bag Award

Harry Turner reports recent winner of the Sports Bag is Robert Lease.

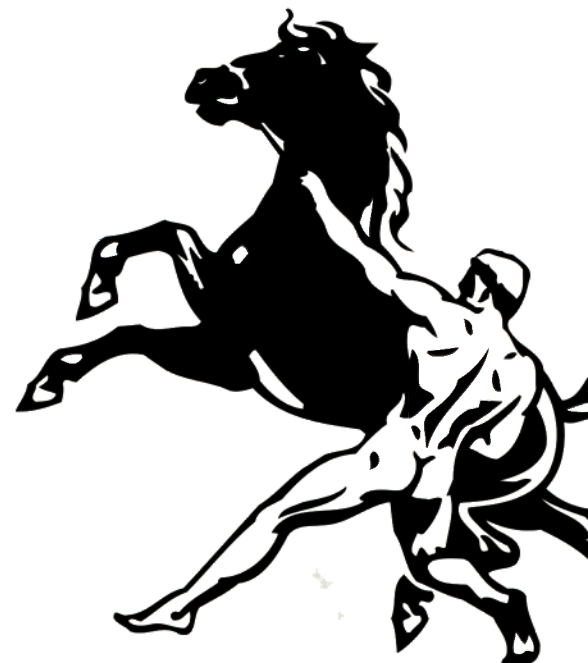


Mark Roufeil, Cesar Puertolas & John McCosker

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MAUI 2001. THE TOROK REPORT.

In August, Tatt's 'A' and 'B' teams set off for Hawaii to swim the annual Channel Relay and the subsequent individual Rough Water swim.

Andrew Torok writes: A delay in take off from Sydney permitted the swimmers to enter into strong bonding sessions - fortunately a significant number of passengers were Australian and did actually possess a sense of humour.

On arrival at Maui, ominous strong trade winds were blowing, however the next days were pleasurable and included morning and evening training swims. Maui was as beautiful as I had remembered and with the down turn in the Japanese economy, there was generally much more space available for the teams that descended on the island.

After a number of telephone calls to the escort boats skippers, all of which proved totally unsuccessful, final arrangements were made to meet them on the day of the race and not earlier as was anticipated. For the skippers it was just another day in the office and their attitude typified the laid back attitude in Hawaii and the true tradition of "hanging loose".

During the next three days the remaining members arrived and traditional names gave way to new identities such as Panda, Poppy, Hurry, Mullet, Marky, Steel and yours truly, Arthur.

We sampled the delightful city of Lanai and Panda, Poppy, Mullet, Steel and Marky ensured they ascertained what the locals did from 3:00am onwards.

The Channel Relay:

On the dawning of the relay day predictions were not good. The Member for Cook doubted my ability to be successful in any arrangements whatsoever but was surprised when the escort boats actually materialised. The Channel swim Tatt's "B" side was gallantly led off by our captain Dave Robinson followed by yours truly who gratefully only swam 20 of the 30 minutes handing over to Harry "The Fish" Turner.

As the swim progressed the conditions worsened but the "B" side bravely battled on, notwithstanding numerous threats from the Member for Cook to myself that legal action would follow if he failed to make it and that his estate would extract appropriate revenge for his loss. All members of the team had memorable swims crossing the Channel and of course our mentor Harry Turner brought us home in conditions that were the worst on record.

Our "A" side had a successful event in the unusually rough conditions. Scott Richardson said:

"The swim was challenging and it was an honour to line up against swimmers who placed in the recent open world championships."

The evening presentation of prizes at the typical Hawaiian banquet was a wonderful night as there were quite a number of Australian teams and all the Aussies cheered each other profusely. Roy and HG's "hello boys" was even heard much to the confusion of the "septics".

The convener, Ian Emberson, mentioned how he always found that the Australians seem to have more fun than anybody else - I can say that after three days my only muscle soreness was in the stomach region.

The next day we travelled to Honolulu staying at the Outrigger East Hotel only a short distance from the Waikiki Rough Water finish. That evening after an enjoyable dinner the boys had a relatively early night.

The Roughwater Individual Swim

The next day was off to the start of the Waikiki Rough Water beginning at Diamond Head with the finish near the Hilton Hotel. The swim itself was again slow due to the currents and prevailing strong trade winds but of course could not be compared with the conditions in the Maui Channel. Excellent results were achieved and as Alex Pope remarked, "Special thanks must go to Coach Harry for his vocal encouragement and camera work - I think he told us all over 100 times that his best time was below 50 minutes!"

Throughout our stay in the islands the weather was glorious and I can genuinely say that nothing has changed much from when I was last there in 1988. A few more garish hotels still cannot take away from the sheer beauty of the place and the relaxed attitude of the locals.

Our final night was at the Outrigger Canoe Club where we all assembled for a barbecue dinner and witnessed a most glorious sunset which has been wonderfully captured by Harry Turner on video. There will be a showing of Harry's film and anybody wishing to enjoy it, contact the office. Aloha, and over to you to go next year.

Coach Harry Turner's Summary:

As coach of the two teams I would like to congratulate every member for the terrific effort they put in to both the Maui Relay and the Roughwater swim. I have been amazed at the dedication shown by all the swimmers and I would like to thank them for the help and support they have given me. We have revived Tattersall's participation in Hawaii and I hope we can continue with this fine tradition.



travel

SALT LAKE CITY - Home of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The opportunity to work in Salt Lake City over a winter period proved too hard to resist. Hence we were to have the experience of a lifetime especially as we are keen skiers.

Salt Lake City is two hours flight east of Los Angeles. It is approximately the same latitude as San Francisco and is only 5 and a half hours drive north of Las Vegas. Temperatures range from 15 C to high 30s C. The city is surrounded by mountains on all sides and this lures skiers to experience the winter resorts, eight of which are 25 minutes to an hour away.

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Park City is a cosy ski town, where the ski facilities and apres activities are the big draw. Park City hosts the annual Sundance Film Festival - known internationally as one of the top events in independent film making. Fine dining and shopping are other highlights and Park City has arguably the best night life in the state. At the 2002 Winter Olympics, this mountain will host men's and women's alpine slalom, giant slalom and all the snowboarding events.

The Cottonwood canyons include Alta, Snowbird, Brighton and Solitude ski resorts. Alta is the oldest ski resort in Utah and still remains the only resort known as 'skiers heaven', with no snow boarders allowed. These resorts represent the best value for money skiing and boarding in Utah.

Snowbasin Ski Resort is a deluxe resort tucked away in northern Utah. Over 3,200 acres of boarding/skiing, two new super-high tech gondolas, six speedy lifts and some of the best and least-travelled terrain in the Wasatch Mountains. It is also the home to some of the most beautiful views in Utah, not to mention the nice long groomed runs. At this venue, the men's and women's speed-skiing events will be second to none.

During the summer months activities include swimming and sun bathing in the Great Salt Lake, visiting Antelope Island - the largest island in Salt Lake City. Here you can swim, picnic, bike and horse ride as well as spot wild Bison (buffalo) that live undisturbed on the island. The golf courses are legendary.

Visitors from all over the world come to see the Salt Lake LDS Church - Salt Lake City's most recognisable landmark. Members of the Church of the Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints (a.k.a. the Mormons) consider their temples sacred sites, and those who enter must live according to certain standards.

HOTELS - The best hotel in town is the Grand America Hotel but most visitors prefer to stay at the resorts.

RESTAURANTS - The best pizza is found at the 'Pie Factory', a local university hangout. The brewpubs offer a selection of local beers and food. For fine dining try the Metropolitan. **SHOPPING** - All the major chains are there as well as a great outlet mall at Park City.

Don't miss the February 2002 Winter Olympics. See you there! Mairav and Daniel Whitten

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Bill Thompson. Naval Officer. Dentist. Gentleman. Cricket lover and Australian tennis representative.

Where did you spend your early years?

"I grew up in Randwick and attended Sydney Boys High. A great school with a fine staff led by a great Headmaster, James Killip. I was a reasonable student, but loved the sport, opening for the 1st X1 and playing 1st grade tennis."

What did you do after university?

"I joined the Navy as a Dental Officer and was assigned to Flinders Naval Depot (HMAS Cerberus), West of Melbourne. It was the middle of the War and we had recruits coming in from everywhere. I had some sea experience north of Darwin and just after the War I was in New Guinea and joined the destroyer HMAS Quickmatch en route to Japan."

And after the Navy?

"I went into private practice. But after ten years, I was getting a little restive - New Guinea had given me an inkling that I'd like to go back to that kind of environment and the Navy had given me a taste for travel. So, in 1956 I wrote to the Colonial Office in London asking for any opportunities around the world in dentistry. They came up with Northern Nigeria. Not too much was known out here about Nigeria, so I looked it up and found that in the early days it was known as 'the white man's grave.' They were dying like flies in the delta area where the mass of water from the confluence of the Niger and Benue rivers emptied into a vast, swampy delta."

How did you get to Nigeria?

"On the old Orient Line ship, the 'Orion'. There was Una, my wife and four young children. The weather was particularly bad and everyone was sea sick. The Suez Canal was closed and we had to travel to Lagos via England. We were eight weeks at sea."

Did Nigeria come as a shock?

"No, only a very pleasant one. We were in the dry North and the job was wonderful, I was able to do and see things that I would never normally have had the chance to do.

I saw gross pathology, where people presented with large jaw tumours, abscesses, osteomyelitis. Here they would be treated by oral surgeons or hospitals, there I had to do it myself. I can't speak too highly of the British, they had specialists touring the remote regions and I learnt a lot working with them."

What about sport?

"Our working day started at 7am and finished at 2pm. So at 3 o'clock you could be on the sporting field, you could do everything - golf, cricket, tennis, rugby - we owned a polo pony. I got back to cricket when noticed a team setting up some nets. I asked if I could have a knock and a bit of a bowl. I knew they were sizing me up and eventually got a place in the team when someone fell ill. I scored a few runs and took three good catches - from then on I was a permanent. We used to travel 80 to 300 miles for a game. I was the only Australian and recited 'The Man From Snowy River' at a social, they loved it and started writing poetry in Banjo Patterson's style, even the cricket report!"

I was also playing tennis and at 41 won the Sardauna Cup from a good 21 year old German player in the final after losing the first two sets. The Cup was quite a thing over there being named after the Moslem head of the country who was also the Premier of the North.

When we left Nigeria, the cricket team formed a guard of honour for the family with bats and stumps over a coir matting wicket. Many are still great friends and we visit them in UK."

Life must have been dull after Nigeria?

"Not at all. In '64 we returned to Australia and I was lucky enough to rejoin the Navy for a further 8 years. The Vietnam War was on and I had a lot of sea time... a couple of years in HMAS Sydney, a converted aircraft carrier that sailed back and forth to Vungtau transporting troops to and from Vietnam. I did eight trips in her. In the Navy you have extra curriculum jobs, so I was



Bob McCarthy, Bill Thompson and Leo Lonergan, the Australian 65-70 years team at the World's Veteran Tennis Championships in Bournemouth, England, 1990.

also beach master on landing craft, setting up communication posts on the beach while the ship was out of sight.

I played cricket for Randwick until I was 51. I also played both inter service cricket for the Navy - twice as captain - and Combined Services every year, apart from my two years at sea.

Our opposing teams like the NSW Association X1, had great players such as Doug Walters and Wes Hall.

In tennis, I've played with The Sydney Tennis Club and represented Australia three times in veteran's tennis with Bob McCarthy and Leo Lonergan. We came third in Sweden in 1987, reached the final in Bournemouth in UK in 1990 and again in Capetown in 2000."

How long have you been a Tattersall's member?

"I was elected in 1961 when 200 members used to lunch every day in the old building. The Club went through a difficult time a few years ago, but now seems well back on track. I enjoy the events like the recent Bledisloe Cup and Villains of League lunches."

Who would you most like to have lunch with?

"I'd love to hear Arthur Morris, Bill Brown, Neil Harvey and Sam Loxton at one of the Club's lunches. They're great personalities. It would be wonderful. You can't beat cricket"